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Gallery: New Whataburger Construction Officially Underway



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This past Tuesday, April 18, Whataburger broke ground on their new Weatherford location that's scheduled to open in mid-October. The fast food franchise will be located on Eagle Road across from Wal-Mart and will be open 24 hours a day. This establishment is expected to bring an estimated 100 to 150 jobs to the Weatherford area.



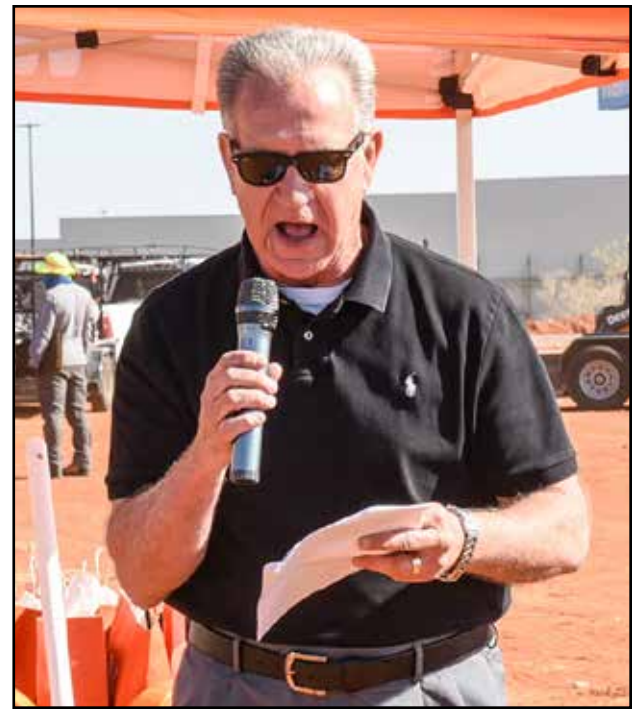
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Community leaders from Weatherford gathered with Whataburger branded hardhats on their heads and shovels in hand to symbolically begin construction of the restaurant.



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"Weatherford is a great market [with] great access to the highway," said Kent Chapin, Director of Marketing and Communications at Vibe Restaurants who helped put on the ground-breaking event.



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Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown also spoke at the event, saying that the restaurant chain has been one of the most requested restaurants in town, making Weatherford a logical place to set up a new franchise.

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Garland Leonard

Garland Dean Leonard was born July 27, 1940, in Weatherford to George Flourney and Mamie (Hughey) Leonard and passed away Friday, April 14, 2023, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, having reached the age of 82 years, 8 months, and 18 days.



Garland was raised northwest of Weatherford. He attended Union School through the eighth grade. He then attended Weatherford Public Schools, graduating with the Class of 1958. Garland went on to attend Southwestern State College, graduating in the spring of 1962 with a business and economics degree. Garland married Helen Busler on May 26, 1962. They made their home in Weatherford. That fall he went back to college and earned his teaching degree in accounting, but farming was his passion. He took over the family farm at the age of 17 and continued to farm until his passing. Garland also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Garland was preceded in death by his parents Flourney and Mamie Leonard; two brothers: George and JJ (Buck) Leonard; and one sister Corene Wagon.

He is survived by his wife Helen of 60 years of their home in Weatherford; three sisters-in-law: Irene Busler, Alsina Plummer, and Filma Schimmels; numerous nieces and nephews; numerous cousins and a host of friends.

Frank Mayer

Franklin D. Mayer 90, of Sayre was born on September 21, 1932, Willow, OK to Charles Edward and Eva Helen (Pierdolla) Mayer. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, April 10, 2023, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, OK surrounded by his loving family.



Frank was born in his home in Willow, OK. He was raised in Willow and graduated from Ocina High School in 1952. He was a veteran of the Korean War from April 2, 1953, to April 1, 1955. He married Beverly Jo Taylor of Mangum, OK on September 3, 1955. They celebrated 67 years of marriage together. They moved to Iowa Park, TX where he drove a truck for John B. Barber. They moved back to Mangum, OK in 1956, and he went to work for the Mangum Police Department until 1957. He then joined the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. He was stationed in Lindsay, OK for one year and Healdton, OK for one year before being stationed in Sayre. He served Sayre and the surrounding communities as a state trooper until his retirement in 1986. After his retirement, Frank spent his time working on his farm as well as his home place. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 13, 2023, First Baptist Church, Sayre. Pastor Andy Taylor will officiate. Interment will be at Willow Cemetery, Willow, OK. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Sayre.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Harold Brown, Charlie Mayer, one sister Ann Stuetzer, and his dearly beloved son Mike.

Frank is survived by his loving wife Beverly Mayer of the home; daughter Gena Lambert and husband Jeff Lambert of Sayre, three grandchildren Shea Bales of Sayre; JJ Lambert of Sayre; Devin Lambert and wife Katlin of Sayre; five great grandchildren: Maridian Bales, Faith Bales, and Christian Bales, Ellie Lambert, Averie Lambert, all of Sayre; one nephew Dennis Neal and wife Beverly of Houston, TX.

Doil Frazier

Doil Wilburn Frazier was born February 6, 1951, in Portales, NM to Earnest and Georgia Fern (Mericle) Frazier and passed away Friday, April 7, 2023, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, having reached the age of 72 years, 2 months and 1 day.



Doil was raised and attended school in Weatherford. After high school, Doil served in the US Army for 2 years. He returned home to Weatherford where he married Clara Spencer. He worked as a mechanic for H&H Salvage as well as 66 Salvage. Doil enjoyed fishing and working with cars.

Doil was preceded in death by his parents Earnest and Georgia; daughter Diana; brother Earnest; and sister Rose.

Doil is survived by his wife Clara of the home in Weatherford; sons: Doil Frazier of Colony, Dale Frazier of Hydro, and David Frazier and wife Rachel of Weatherford; brother Johnnie Frazier of Weatherford; four sisters: Alta Reber of Los Angeles, CA; Joyce Little of Bakersfield, CA; Frances Brooks of Weatherford, and Erma Neeley of Weatherford; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Susan Barnes

Susan Marie Barnes, 56, of Elk City, was born on November 4, 1966, Elk City, to Lonnie Dale and Velma Jean (Spears) Lowry. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, April 10, 2023, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, surrounded by her loving family.



Susan grew up in Sayre and attended Sayre Public Schools.

She married Monte Barnes, Sr. on June 1, 1984, in Wheeler, TX and to this union five children were born: Monte Otis Barnes, Jr., Bradley Dale Barnes, Katelin Marie Barnes, Sidney Kyle Barnes, and Audrey Jeanann Barnes.

Susan met Darrell "Redd" King in 1998, and they began to blend their families lives together.

Susan loved her grandchildren with all her heart and hanging out with her family and friends. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, shopping on Amazon and watching Nature TV. Susan will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lonnie Dale and Velma Jean (Spears) Lowry; her mother Patricia Lowry one daughter Brittany Monet King, one sister Audrey Jones.

Susan is survived by her loving husband Darrell "Redd" King of Elk City; three sons: Monte Otis Barnes, Jr. of Elk City; Bradley Dale Barnes and his wife Sean Brown of Elk City; and Sidney Kyle Barnes of Weatherford; five daughters: Katelin Marie Barnes and her husband Jesse Williams, and Audrey Jeanann Barnes and her partner Cristal Jaquez, all of Burns Flat, OK; Valerie Yvonne King of Sayre, Oliva Gracie King and her husband Craig Biby, of Elkins, Arkansas, Nevaeh Barnes of Elk City;

Susan is also survived by 20 grandchildren, one great-grandchild Evelyn Teehee of Elk City; three brothers: Jerald Hooks and his wife Janet of Cordell, OK; Jim Hooks of Luther, OK, Lonnie Lowry, Jr. of Pensacola, Florida; and three sisters: Clara Rodgers of Luther, OK, Misty Hoots and her husband Gerry of Elk City, Debbie Harper and her husband Ronnie of Mustang, OK; as well as numerous friends and a host of extended family.

Gayla Head

Gayla Vell Head, 82, of Erick was born on December 9, 1940, in Erick. She is the daughter of Ebb Albery and Meleta Lovelle (Hess) Webster. She went to be with her Heavenly Father on April 13, 2023, at Hensley Nursing Home, Sayre.



Gayla married the love of her life Freddie Don Head on August 27, 1965, in Lawton, OK. He preceded her in death on February 14, 2022.

She worked at the Erick First Baptist Church as the church secretary for twenty plus years. Later in life, she became a faithful member of the Texola First Baptist Church.

Gayla enjoyed cooking, taking care of her grandbabies, making floral arrangements, and going to Red River, New Mexico, with her husband Don.

Gayla is preceded in death by her husband Don; great granddaughter Annalie Don Liebold; one niece Shea Tennery Wilson.

Cherishing her memory is her daughter Jean Ann Street and her husband Lynton of Erick; son Todd Sutton and his wife Joyce of Erick; two granddaughters: Shayla Hogg and her husband Dustin and Sydney Leibold and her husband Karson; twin great granddaughters: Hattee Mae and Charlee Kate; sister Priscilla Burden and her husband Phil of Sayre, along with a host of longtime friends, neighbors, and church family.

Barbara Preston

Barbara Sue (Woods) Preston (affectionately aka "Sarg") was born March 3, 1938, to Walter Clarence Woods and Aurie M. (Butler) Woods in Clinton and passed away Thursday, April 13, 2023, in the Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford.



Barbara was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1956. She married Carl Dean Preston on May 5, 1957, in Clinton. They made their first home in Elk City and in August 1959 they moved to Clinton. In 1963, she started a nursing career with the Oklahoma General Hospital and worked for Clinton Regional Hospital until retirement in 2006. In 1964, they moved to Arapaho, OK.

Barbara stated she made the most important decision in her life, accepting Jesus Christ as her savior on March 14, 1948.

She has been a longtime faithful and active member of the Arapaho First Baptist Church: she taught Sunday school, and she served as kitchen coordinator for several years.

She was a member of the YES Bible Study Group. She was a Boy Scout Leader, 4-H Leader, Custer County Volunteer Fair Worker, and a member of the Sunnyside Club, Hub City Squares, and the Triad. She also enjoyed being a part of the Oklahoma Quilters Guild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, granddaughter Corey Lynn Huber, and four sisters: Anna James, Vinita Hamilton, Pauline Merritt, and Betty Whitlock.

She is survived by son Clarence Preston and wife Janna, OKC, OK and two daughters: Kim Huber and husband Fred, Clinton, Carla Glidewell and husband Ronnie, Yukon, OK.

She is also survived by and was the biggest fan to her grandchildren: Nathan Huber and wife Melody, Vanessa Randle and husband Travis, and Lindsey Preston and five great grandchildren: Adrian, Bradley, Corey, Asher and Summit and a bonus great grandchild, "Bumpy".

Camille Stewart

Camille Yvonne (Deweese) Stewart was born May 26, 1955, to Bill Arandal Dewees and Marie Elizabeth (Horst) Dewees in Clinton and passed away Saturday, April 15, 2023, in the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room in Oklahoma City, OK



Camille was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1973. She started working at Daniels Drive during her junior high school and high school years.

After she completed her schooling, she worked for Norbest Turkey Plant and the Candy Kitchens. She later worked for Dr. Gary Hays, Sr., as his receptionist and the Dewees Sales and Service, doing bookkeeping.

She married Mark Stewart March 7, 1975, in Clinton and made Clinton their home. They attended Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

She loved nature and animals of any kind, she enjoyed cooking, making handmade rugs, swimming, going with drive abouts with her mother and sister, doing photography and was very artistic and like to draw and write poetry.

Camille was preceded in death by her parents Bill Arandal Dewees and Marie Elizabeth (Horst) Dewees, brother Randall Dewees, father-in-law Dale Stewart, brother-in-law Myron Hines, sister-in-law Jeanette Stewart and brother-in-law Duncan Summerford.

She is survived by her husband Mark, of the home, son, Corey Stewart and wife Janelle, Pinehurst, TX, sister Beverly Summerford, Clinton, brother Kent Dewees and wife Beth, Clinton, Sisters-in-law: Linda Dewees, Arapaho, and Ramona Hines, Clinton and her mother-in-law Eva Lee Stewart, Clinton, and brother-in-law Lloyd Stewart of Clinton.

She is also survived by two grandchildren, (twins) Caitlyn and Jiselle Stewart.

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Jim Loomis Honored as Perkins Service Winner

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

Jim Loomis has been selected to receive the Cecil Perkins Service Award for the year 2023.

The award, which is presented by the SWOSU Athletic Department, will be presented next week at the department's annual All-Sports Banquet, held on Wednesday, April 26th at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

"I just feel blessed to receive the honor," said Loomis after learning of his selection. "My first thought when I received the news from Coach Helton was 'why me?' but then I got to reflecting and realized maybe I have done a few things for the Athletic Department and been involved with quite a bit. I was just always happy to help out.

Loomis grew up in Woodward, Oklahoma before coming to SWOSU in 1962. He was on the football team for three years and went on to graduate in 1966. Upon graduation, he coached for six years before returning to Weatherford to begin his career in construction where he eventually began working at SWOSU as the Director of the Physical Plant. Loomis was employed by the school for nearly 15 years and while working for the Physical Plant, had the opportunity to coach the men's soccer team from its origination as the program's first head coach with the help of none other than Cecil Perkins – SWOSU's Athletic Director at the time.

"I always appreciated Cecil (Perkins) for trusting me to become the head coach and to help get the program off the ground."

Loomis coached the men's soccer team from 1999-2001 while continuing to work for the Physical Plant and was named the Lone Star Conference Coach of the Year in his final season. After his time working at SWOSU came to an end, he went back to operating his

local construction business, Jim Loomis Construction, which he still owns to this day.

Jim Loomis Construction is well known for its involvement in many projects around the SWOSU campus including many in support of SWOSU Athletics. Working with the athletics department specifically, Loomis has built the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, which he maintains is the project he is most proud of, the Everett Dobson Golf Training Facility, and the new Strength & Conditioning Center. He is also responsible for the clock tower situated in the middle of campus.

"Being able to assist with the building of many of the athletic facilities has been my way of showing support by pairing my construction skills with my love for sports."

Loomis has also served on the SWOSU Athletic Alumni Association board for over 10 years. He is appreciative to current and previous SWOSU Presidents and Athletic Directors he's worked with. "I always had great relationships with them, and they've always been good to me." He was also firm on thanking his wife, Jeanne, son, Michael, and grandsons Austin, Carter, & Trevor. Alongside Michael's wife Cori and Austin's wife Meagan. This is the 11th year that the Cecil Perkins Service Award has been presented. The award is named for Perkins, the former SWOSU Athletic Director who passed away in September 2013. Perkins helped pioneer the direction of the Bulldogs' athletic programs for more than a quarter century, elevating the SWOSU Athletic Department to the NCAA Division II level. His philosophy of putting the student-athlete first in any decision has led to hundreds of individual success stories that continue to positively impact the new generation of students, coaches, and teams at SWOSU and beyond.

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HIGHER GROUND

Peace with God



Jim Morrison

Receiving a personal letter from a friend has almost become a relic from a bygone era. Most of us, at least those over 40, will remember getting a letter from a friend or of even more significance from a romantic attachment. If the letter were from the latter, you would sit down and savor every word, even reading between the lines, hoping to find hidden meanings revealing their affection or lack of it. With its messaging and emails, the internet has taken much of the personal touch from our earlier inter-communication.

In 2 Corinthians 3:3, the Apostle Paul writes, "You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the loving God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." One of the great treasures we have from the Scriptures is the letters

that Paul and other Apostles wrote to the Churches and individuals of his day.

A physical letter written with pen and ink might reveal feelings, contain information, and suggest ideas or changes in behavior. But Paul was not describing that kind of letter. But Paul was not speaking of a letter you might receive in the mail but of a message written in the flesh of our hearts and lived out in day-to-day activity. As a result of his ministry in their midst, the Holy Spirit brought forth a new relationship with a loving, forgiving God who knew them personally. The message of this new relationship with God was not bound within the framework of their soul. It burst forth to a world desperate for wholeness, with peace for a troubled heart.

Last Saturday, while ministering at the Truck Stop here in Weatherford, I asked a driver how to pray for him. He looked at me and said one word. "Peace." He represented millions worldwide looking for peace to fill the emptiness that the world cannot provide. Fortunately, I had just picked up a copy of one of Billy Graham's first books, "Peace with God," from the Et Cetera shop. I first read that book while on our senior trip in high school in 1955. It was on the book rack behind me, and I handed it to him as I prayed.

John Wesley was returning from evangelistic efforts to the American Indians when a terrific storm arose.

He became terrified. He was uncertain about his eternal destiny despite preaching for several years. He noticed a group of Moravian Christians who were calm amid the storm. They seemed unconcerned about the circumstances. He wondered why. Later, after safely arriving in England, he was drawn to attend a worship service held by the group. He saw that he had depended on his feverish efforts for his salvation. During their service about the finished work of Christ on the cross, he said in his words, "I found my heart strangely warmed." He realized that it was by the grace of God and through our faith in Him that brought us salvation.

Life does bring its pain and anguish to the soul. What does our letter to the broken world say? What is our message? Are we terrified in the middle of the storm, or is there a sense of His calming presence that the world cannot offer? Beneath the outward fears and concerns, is there a sure and certain grasp of the certainty of God's faithfulness and powerful presence? The Message paraphrase of Matt 11:28-30 offers this promise. "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you. I am humble and gentle, and you will find your soul rest. My yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light."

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LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



Mike Smith
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Dwight Manley is a coin collector and benefactor for the American Numismatic Association (ANA). Dwight donated a book written by Thomas Jefferson who was the Secretary of State in 1790. The book details his influence for the uniform decimal system of the United States of America by proposing uniform weights and measures for coin production. Only six copies of Jefferson's report are known to exist.

Dwight donated the book so researchers could use it at any time. Dwight believed this was preferable instead of it being squirreled away in a private collection.

Dwight Manley paid \$18,000 for the book at auction which has 49 pages.

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Trent Boesen

Custer County Community Members Invited to Support Child Welfare Needs



Provided
The Kiwanis Club of Weatherford met this past week to hear two guest speakers, left, is Kalie Kerth, Pham D., spoke about the launch of the Custer County Care Portal which serves to share the needs of local children in state custody with local churches, so that their needs can be met. Faye Henson, right, of the Weatherford Environmental Group discussed the Special Recycling day that took place this past Saturday, April 22.

Casey White
ODHS Media Manager

CarePortal is the new collaborative partnership between Global Orphan Project, 111Project and Oklahoma Human Services. This online platform shares the needs of local children in state custody and their families to a community of churches, allowing them to respond to the needs in real-time. Professionals in the child welfare system focus on family needs that could be preventative of child welfare involvement and/or support child safety and family permanency.

The 111Project organizes ministry partners and trainings so the local community can step forward to support their neighbors and help children and families thrive. They agree that the CarePortal can help the faith community make positive impacts for their neighbors.

"When the community surrounds their neighbors and offers tangible supports, the trajectories of lives can be changed in powerful ways. This is the work of CarePortal," said Jami Majors, OHS Director of Strategic Engagement. "No matter your resources, there is a place

for you to help. We encourage every congregation in Custer County to learn how they can partner and support the families in their community."

"We always ask, 'What if we had more than enough' - more than enough resources so biological families can achieve not just reunification but restoration, more than enough people caring for and serving others so no one is alone, more than enough foster families so families are waiting on children instead of children waiting on families," said Chris Campbell, Executive Director of the 111Project. "We exist to mobilize the faith community so that the local church is not just aware of needs of children and families in crisis but are partnered with the state to see that those families have all the support that they need."

For Oklahoma Human Services CarePortal questions or to learn how you can partner with the agency to support families in your community, please contact Andrea.Stasyszyn@okdhs.org. For information on how your church can participate in CarePortal, please contact the 111Project at info@111project.org.



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BECKHAM / JONES - A Beckham County District Court jury concluded Friday evening to convict a Sayre man of murder in the first degree, involving the death of a child. The jury recommended that Troy Justice Jones be sentenced to a term of life-in-prison for the death of 2-year-old Benji Taylor. Formal sentencing for Jones will be on May 24th.

CLINTON / PREVIEW - Clinton City Council, acting as the hospital authority, met in regular session. following a scheduled executive session, the authority is expected to consider the termination of the management services agreement with Carrus Healthcare and the termination or modification of the clinic management agreement for the Urgent Care Clinic. Additionally, the authority will consider continuing pay and benefits for full-time Clinton Regional Hospital employees after May 1st.

BECKHAM / ARREST - A man, suspected in a high-speed pursuit in Texas, who crossed into western Oklahoma, was taken into custody at Will Rogers World Airport in OKC. Beckham County Sheriff Derek Manning says 20-year-old Syed Mohammed Zeeshan faces complaints of possession of a stolen vehicle and felony, attempting to elude officers in Wheeler County, Texas, and in Beckham and Greer counties in Oklahoma. A female with Zeeshan was questioned and released. Authorities say the pair took a taxi to the airport after abandoning the vehicle in Greer County and were preparing to board a flight to New York.

ELK CITY / FIRE - Fire crews in Elk City wrapped up their investigation, following a structure fire at Circle "A" Western Wear. Fire Chief Kyle Chervenka says the cause of the blaze was electrical in nature. Chervenka says the structure is believed to be a total loss.

CUSTER / EXERCISE - During a meeting of the Custer County local emergency planning committee, Major Aaron Dougherty of the 63rd civil support team provided details of a two-day, full-scale exercise next month. SWOSU will be utilized as an exercise site on May 23rd and Crowder Lake on May 25th.

CLINTON / APPROPRIATION - Clinton City Council approved a supplemental budget appropriation of \$284,000 to the Clinton economic development authority for demolition costs of the Glancy/Pop Hicks and Tradewinds Properties. City Manager Robert Johnston says the work is projected to begin by the middle of May.

CLINTON / SCHOOLS - Construction happening at both Nance and Southwest Elementary Schools in Clinton is moving along. The concrete slab for Nance has been poured, and dirt work in preparation for slab-pouring is completed at Southwest. Construction will be completed in April of next year for Nance Elementary. Meanwhile, completion of Southwest Elementary is expected to be in late June or early July next year.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for April 26 - Megan Britton, Peyton Carmin, Micah Dobrinski, Dennis Green, Alex Hicks, Matt Lamm, Denise Lay, Kenneth Maddox, Dakota Meinhardt, Benton Tooczko; **April 27** - Richard Ballew, Kaden Buckner, Arthula Carmen, Songhawk Fields-Toahty, Melissa Martin, Liz McBrayer, Avry Nailon, Hermon Small; **April 28** - Janice Ball, Jacob Bass, Alison Mainers, Jay Martin, Alvin McNeal, Gentry Ortiz, Matthew Sumner; **April 29** - Mack Barnes, Ben Brown, Derek Carroll, Mary Frye, Dana Janning, Trent Koch, Summer Lettkeman, Logan Little, Bailey Mae Matthews, Bruce McLemore, Michelle Nance, Suzzi Rossiter, Vernon Slagle, Cheryl Thomason, J.R. Ussery; **April 30** - Tanner Holt, Kenny Lehman, Ryan Lehman, Thomas Martin, Kassie Miller, Steve Owens, Mark Ray, Austin Richardson, Lauren Roles, Jack Schwartz; **May 1** - Joseph Barnhill, Izzy Carpenter, Michael Chain, Jake Dewees, Sumer Friesen, Eric Nelson, Lacie Tompkins, Sheri Waldrop, Ashley Weaver; **May 2** - Jason Ewing, Leo Goeringer, Garrison Green, Kenda Green; **May 3** - Megan Biswell, John Lee, Peggy Engelbrecht, Frankie Jameson, Chelsie Mavity, Jamie Nelson, Kim O'Daniel, Jerri Winn.

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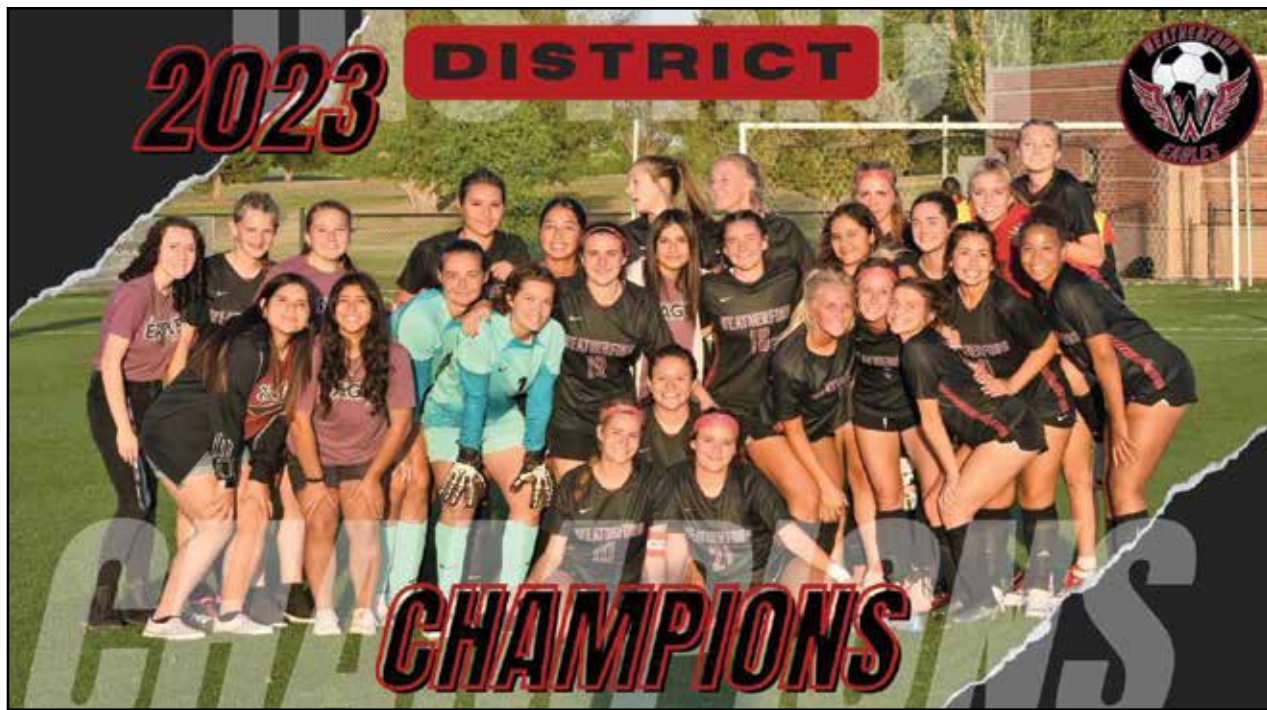
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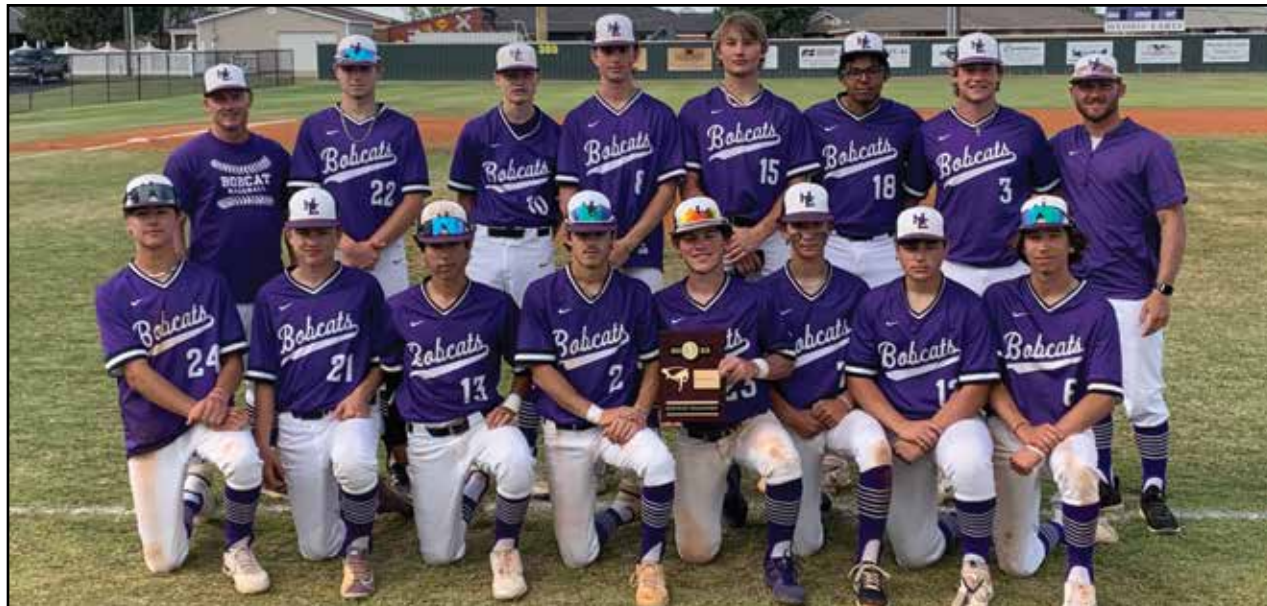
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SWOSU Dobson Classic Raises \$85,000

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) alumni and friends were welcomed at prestigious Oak Tree National Golf Course in Edmond on April 17 where 25 teams played in the Dobson Bulldog Classic.

Established in 2015, the Classic was sold-out for the first time in 2023; this year's event raised over \$85,000 for the SWOSU Men's and Women's golf teams and other SWOSU athletic programs. This popular philanthropic activity was initiated by Everett Dobson (SWOSU Class of 1981) of Edmond in partnership with the SWOSU Athletic Association.

Dobson was inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999. He has endowed the Everett Dobson Chairs in Business, Marketing, Management, and Finance in the Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology at SWOSU and provided the private investment necessary to construct the Everett Dobson Golf Training Facility on SWOSU's Weatherford campus. In 2015, Dobson was inducted into the SWOSU Presidential Order of Merit in recognition of his 25 years of service on the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees where he served as Investment Committee chair.

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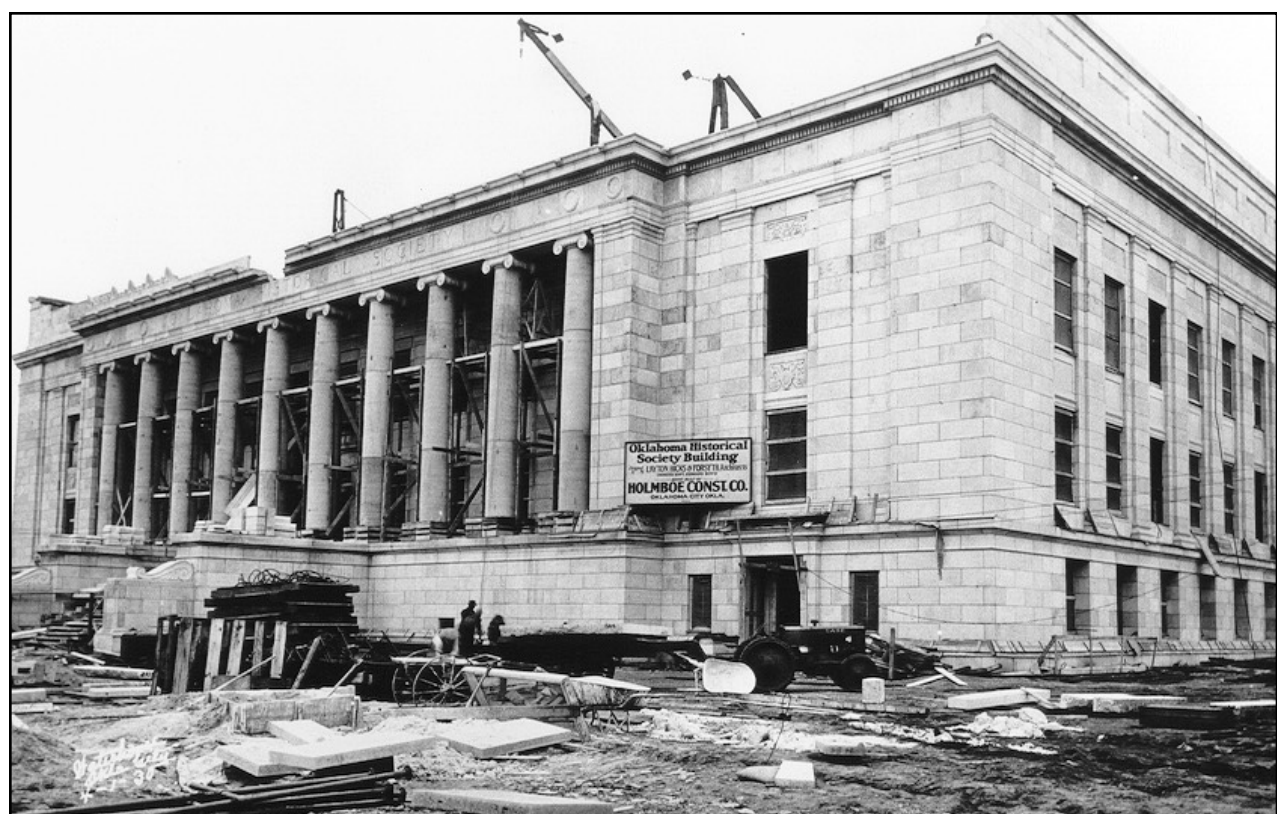
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Oklahoma History: Celebrating 128 Years of Oklahoma's Historical Society



from the Oklahoma National Memorial Museum

Oklahoma Historical Society under construction, April 1st, 1930

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Much of Oklahoma's history is available to us thanks to the work of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and their 128th anniversary is coming up. On May 27th, 1893, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma Territory, the editor for the Kingfisher newspaper, William P. Campbell, pitched an idea for a program to boost newspaper sales and promote preservation. The assembly agreed and began the Oklahoma Historical Society.

His idea came from a program in Kansas designed to save newspapers. They would sponsor, collect, and preserve newspapers to document the country and state's enormous change. None of them had any idea they'd be forming a future "statewide educational institution with a budget of \$21.7 million, 150 employees, the Oklahoma History Center, historic sites and museums...and nationally recognized research, publication, and preservation programs."

During their early years, Campbell worked without salary but quickly asked for donations and collections of newspapers, books, periodicals, art productions, literature, science documents, and "matters of historical interest."

Within months, they began collecting complete sets of newspapers, documents, and books.

Their early success garnered support from the would-be state's territorial governor William C. Renfrow. Renfrow pushed the team's desire for collection and preached about the merits of recording the future of Oklahoma so that it may be read and written.

A month later, the team found they already had a partner: the University of Oklahoma.

An instructor at the University, French S. E. Amos, had set up a campus historical society and "filed incorporation papers with the secretary of state." Later, University president David Ross Boyd pushed for a bill that marked the historical society as the trustee for territorial records and allocated \$2,000 for its operation. These Articles of Incorporation set up a board of directors and the offices of the president, two vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer.

In 1907, their inventory held "3,034 bound volumes of newspapers, 1,027 books, 1,884 documents and official reports, 208 speeches and papers, 656 manuscripts, and 426 legislative records." When the State Capital was completed in 1917, the society moved again and increased their appropriations from \$3,600 to \$18,525.

Over the next ten years, the staff grew to include a director of research, librarian, cataloguer, bookkeeper, field collector, file clerk, and caretaker. A museum was set up inside the new State Capital with rough divides between display cases. The museum's collection had a variety of sights to see, including: "Spiro artifacts...bricks from the ruins of Babylon; Caddoan artifacts with silver vases from the Incan empire of Peru; pioneer tableware paired with a cup and saucer owned by Martha Washington and a copper kettle used by Abraham Lincoln." The museum also held portraits of famous pioneers, the original land warrant that granted lands to Choctaw in 1840, and the bugle that sounded the Land Run of '89.

By 1926, the society had exponentially increased all aspects of their archives, which generated increased donations. These new donations consisted of letters, journals, papers, and documents detailing all kinds of historical moments like the experiences of missionaries among the Cherokees, herding on the Chisholm Trail, or life at Fort Sill.

In 1929, a bill authorized a new building for the society. It would be a memorial building with galleries and offices delegated for specific groups and associations. Located just southeast of the State Capital, the "Temple of History" would allow the team to expand their collections. The bar for their future growth was set high.

However, they weren't immune to the effects of the Great Depression, which began the following year. Faced with cuts to staff and funding, the society started doubling down on opportunities to "make work" for victims of the Great Depression.

Thus, they designed programs for new projects and opened jobs for arranging and processing historical materials. Then, they commissioned Indian murals to be painted in the museum, hired fifty people ("who indexed 15,000 volumes of the newspaper collection, arranged and classified 350,000 archival documents, and assembled a biographical index to the book and periodical collections [over two years]"), and employed over one hundred writers across the state who conducted more than 11,000 interviews, edited the accounts and assembled the papers to form the Indian-Pioneer Papers consisting of 112 volumes.

The success of these public work projects shifted the society's attitude from a collecting institution to one focused on outreach and activism. A path that led them to where they are today.

Over the next one hundred years, the society sponsored new programs, opened/supported unique museums, published documentaries and historical papers, put on events, opened a new permanent home - The Oklahoma History Center, and inspired hundreds of thousands to invest in Oklahoma's history with foundations and donations.

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Goldston and Berger are Latest Bulldogs of the Week

Grant Kopycinski
SWOSU Sports Assistant

Chris Goldston (baseball) and Marley Berger (rodeo) are chosen as the newest Bulldogs of the Week. This award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Goldston (Leedey, OK) had his longest outing of his senior year on Senior Day weekend for the SWOSU baseball team. In game one of the series against UAM, Goldston got the start and performed well. He pitched 8.0 innings, giving up only two runs and five hits while striking out four. He picked up the win for his outing as well.

Berger (Udall, KS) competed with the rodeo team at the Fort Hays State rodeo this past weekend. Berger finished second in the average for the tie down roping event. He scored a 10.9 time in the long round and improved to a time of 10.1 in the short round. Berger has had a good couple of weeks, after winning this same event in the 50th annual SWOSU Rodeo.



The Weatherford Leadership Class recently visited the Oklahoma State Capitol.

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